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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Please do not limit the potential for competition in the broadband marketplace.

I am a Sonic subscriber, and chose to transition to this local provider after unannounced/ only fine-print rate hikes and poor customer service by Comcast. Sonic's pricing is better, the employees are happier, more knowledgeable, and much more enjoyable to interact with than the other telecom employees I've met.

Unbundled copper and inter-city fiber transport elements (UNEs) are critical components of a competitive residential marketplace. Please do not destroy the business of my local provider, and the many other local providers who offer an alternative, push big business to be better, and are often the only internet providers in rural communities.

In this time, internet service is becoming more important than electricity.

Please support our democratic ideals, and keep the marketplace open for smaller, more competitive players - like Sonic - who strive to and succeed in providing excellent service to their customers.

Sincerely,

Lauren Chavez